

Rally Against Puppy Mills

Monday March 3rd 5:30pm

The Shanty 401 E. 9th St



Imagine a warehouse. Inside this warehouse, row after row and shelf after shelf of inventory stuffed into cramped metal cages. The "inventory" in each box is half a dozen or more puppies – frequently hungry, sickly, and covered in the feces of the "inventory" shelved above and below them. That is the life of a puppy born in a puppy mill.

The suffering is not so temporary for the “lifers.” The breeding stock animals are kept in overcrowded, filthy cages and repetitively bred – even inbred – until they simply no longer can, often without ever leaving their cages. Minimal vet care, poor-quality food, and small living quarters are hallmarks of the substandard conditions in which countless mothers give birth to hundreds of thousands of puppies yearly. These are the puppy mill puppies. These are the puppies sold in pet stores in Tucson. **It is estimated that 10,000 puppy mills produce more than 2,400,000 puppies a year in the United States and that most pet store puppies come from puppy mills.** Learn more here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZVyFSTYY7zg>.

“On Tuesday I'll be bringing a proposed Ordinance to the Mayor and Council that would restrict the retail sale of dogs and cats to only those that come from shelters. What it does is cause pet stores to be a part of the solution to overcrowded shelters, euthanizing thousands of dogs and cats every year, costing City taxpayers millions of dollars.” *Councilman Steve Kozachik*
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**There is a simple and ethical way to discourage the operation of Puppy Mills...
Stop selling their animals.**

Please join Councilman Kozachik, his staff and other supporters on **Monday (March 3rd) at 5:30 pm at The Shanty on 4th Avenue and 9th Street** for an 'adoption rally.' In a show of support for the proposed Ordinance, the Humane Society will be bringing down several of their adoptable pets. Come on by and join in support of the Ordinance.

“You might go home with a new family member and will have saved a life in the process.”